

ABSTRACTAUDIO AND/OR VIDEO GENERATION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
GENERATING AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO SIGNALS

An audio and/or video generation apparatus comprises a recording processor
 5 which is operable to record audio and/or video signals on a recording medium, a meta
 data generation processor which is operable to generate meta data identifying the
 content of the audio/video signals, and a communications processor which arranged to
 communicate the meta data separately from the recording medium.

Furthermore, the meta data generation processor may be operable to generate at
 10 least one sample image which is representative of a video image from the recorded
 video signals, and to associate the sample image with an address on the recording
 medium at which the video image is recorded. The video and/or audio generation
 apparatus provides an advantage in generating and utilising meta data to facilitate the
 generation of audio/video productions. Accordingly, a system for generating an audio
 15 and/or video production comprises an acquisition processor operable in use to receive
 instructions from a user which instructions are representative of a list of content items
 for the audio and/or video production. The audio and/or video generation apparatus is
 arranged in use to receive information representative of the list of content items, and to
 generate audio and/or video signals in accordance with the content items on the list.
 20 An ingestion processor may be provided to receive the list of content items, and the
 audio and/or video signals and to form the audio and/or video production by
 associating the audio and/ or video signals with the list of content items.

[Fig. 4]